

# ***SENTENCE VARIETY!***

Clause – a group of words that contains a subject and a verb

There are two types of clauses.

***INDEPENDENT*** (main) – can stand alone as a sentence

I went to the store. (independent)

***DEPENDENT*** (subordinate) – can not stand alone as a sentence and ***must be*** attached to an independent clause; begins with a ***subordinating conjunction*** (AAAWWUBBIS) or a ***relative pronoun*** (who, whom, whose, that, which)

While I went to the store (dependent)

## ***SENTENCE STRUCTURES***

***SIMPLE SENTENCE*** – one independent clause

*"I charged out the door."* -Rick Riordan The Last Olympian

Write your own example below.

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***COMPOUND SENTENCE*** – two independent clauses joined together

Independent clause + comma + FANBOYS + Independent clause

FANBOYS = For And Nor But Or Yet So (coordinating conjunctions)

*"It definitely jeopardized our mission, but I couldn't help it."*

-Rick Riordan The Last Olympian

Write your own example below.

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*or*

Independent clause + semicolon + Independent clause

*"I'm not saying that either Socs or greasers are better; that's just the way things are."*

-S.E. Hinton The Outsiders

Write your own example below.

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**COMPLEX SENTENCE** — one independent clause and one or more dependent clauses  
Start with a **subordinating conjunction** or a **relative pronoun**, and you can easily create dependent clauses to connect to independent clauses.

**USE THESE TO CREATE DEPENDENT CLAUSES OF GLORY!**

as	who
after	whom
although	whose
when	that
while	which
until	
before	
because	
if	
since	

*“As I was running up the stairwell, a kid charged down.”*

- Rick Riordan The Last Olympian

Write your own example below.

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**COMPOUND-COMPLEX SENTENCE** — two independent clauses and one or more dependent clause. Basically, you take a compound sentence and add a dependent clause (or two) to it.

*“The sea is always one of my favorite places, but today it was especially nice – glittery green and smooth as glass, as though my dad was keeping it calm just for us.”*

-Rick Riordan The Last Olympian

Write your own example below.

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